

the paying of any taxes or other liability due the City, for a period of ninety (90) days, nor be disqualified by reason of any provision of any other section of this Charter. A member of the city council ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section or any other section of this Charter, or convicted of a felony while in office, or who absents himself from three (3) consecutive regular council meetings without consent of the Council, shall immediately forfeit his office.

### **Compensation of Members**

Section 20. Members of the city council shall serve without pay or compensation; provided, however, they shall be entitled to all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

### **Presiding Officer; Mayor**

Section 21. The Mayor shall preside at meetings of the city council and shall be recognized as head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law, but shall have no regular administrative duties. He shall be entitled to vote upon all matters considered by the city council, but he shall have no veto power. The city council shall elect a Mayor Pro Tem from its membership who shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor.

### **Vacancies**

Section 22. A vacancy in the City Council shall be filled by a special election which shall be called within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such vacancy. If any such vacancy shall occur within ninety (90) days preceding a general election, then no special election shall be called; provided, however, that the unexpired term shall be filled at the next general election.

### **Powers**

Section 23. All powers of the city and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in the city council. Except where in conflict with and otherwise expressly provided by this charter, the city council shall have all powers authorized to be exercised by the city council by Chapter 4 of Title 28 Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, now or hereafter enacted. Without limitation of the foregoing, and among the other powers that may be exercised by the city council, the following are hereby enumerated for greater certainty:

- (1) To appoint and remove the city manager.
- (2) To establish administrative departments and establish the organization and functions of divisions.
- (3) To adopt the budget of the City.
- (4) To authorize the issuance of bonds by a bond ordinance.
- (5) To inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the city and make investigations as to municipal affairs.
- (6) To provide for a planning commission, a zoning commission and a zoning board of adjustment, and appoint the members of all such commissions and boards. The planning and zoning commissions may be combined. Such boards and commissions shall have all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred and created by this charter, by city ordinance or by law.
- (7) To adopt plats.